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West's Spies Active, Wynne Hints

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GREVILLE WYNNE
"I shall never forget him."

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NEW YORK, Nov. 11—The

Englishman who was freed from a Moscow jail in exchange for Soviet spy Gordon Lonsdale today indicated that there are top Western spies now functioning in the Soviet Union.

Greville Wynne, who served as contact for Western intelligence with Soviet State Security Colonel Oleg Penkovsky, appeared at a press conference here to help launch The Penkovsky Papers. The book, now being serialized in The Washington Post, is said to be Penkovsky's memoirs smuggled to the West before the writer was convicted of spying and executed in Russia.

Wynne was arrested in Hun-

gary ten days after Penkovsky was arrested in Moscow. The Englishman was taken to Russia immediately, tried, sentenced to eight years in prison but sent home after 18 months in return for Lonsdale.

He spoke with ardent admiration for Penkovsky, whose main aim in providing valuable information to the West was "to prevent a war," Wynne said.

"There are other people like him," he said, "But, of course, you don't hear about them until they get caught."

Penkovsky "was in the holy of holies and he blew it sky high," Wynne said, describing his late friend's importance. "They (the Russians) haven't recovered yet and they won't

for a long time." Wynne said he did not believe that Russians were aware of his own

real role in the espionage link despite his prison interrogation and learned the story only when he came back and made public disclosures. He is writing his own book about the affair.

Lonsdale, now back in Russia has also published a book about his activities in the West. Wynne said this extraordinary change in Soviet policy against discussing Moscow's intelligence activities was almost certainly provoked by word that The Penkovsky Papers would be published.

Lonsdale's book naturally puts Soviet espionage in a good light while The Penkovsky Papers does exactly the opposite.